

Climate Action and Climate Justice Advisory Council Application

Dear Prospective Member,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your interest in serving on our council. The purpose of the council is to serve in an advisory capacity to the creation of a county-wide Climate Action and Climate Justice Plan (Plan). In 2022, the Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition and Kalamazoo County jointly secured a grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to fund a 3-year position to facilitate the creation of a Climate Action and Climate Justice Plan as well as identify and begin the implementation of strategies and projects described in the Plan. The council embraces the principles of fair treatment, meaningful involvement, full and equal access to opportunities, programs, and planning for all people which allow them to lead healthy lives.

Secondly, the application window will be for 14 days after posting. The council will have 15 members, not including the two Co-chairs previously identified in the grant. Council members will serve terms of 3 years, with at least 18 meetings over the course of the project. The meetings will be held monthly until the project has progressed far enough to require less frequent meetings. There will be 4 subcommittees, which were identified in the grant (Housing and the Built Environment, Infrastructure and Energy, the Natural Environment, and Food Systems and Agriculture) each containing at least 5 members, some members will be asked to serve on more than one committee. See model below for a visual.

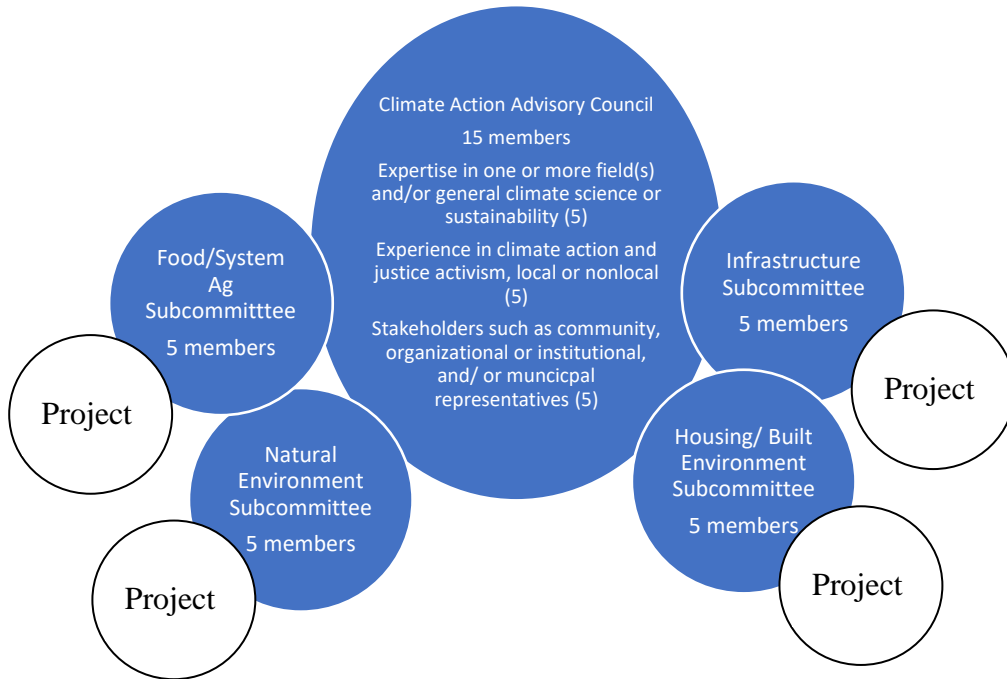
Potential council members who meet any of the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

1. Expertise and/or experience in the any of the subcommittee fields listed above or climate science in general, with special emphasis on local knowledge.
2. If you are a stakeholder (i.e. business owner, community representative, non-profit or foundation representative, local municipal representative) in the community with an interest in furthering climate action in Kalamazoo County.
3. Experience with climate action planning and project implementation, and/or climate activism, with special emphasis on local climate action work.

All potential members must affirm their alignment with diversity, equity, and inclusion across all aspects of the project, from planning to implementation.

Finally, once all applications have been received, potential members will be invited to an interview with a panel, which will include the two Co-chairs and a third party. Finalists will be invited to attend the inaugural meeting which is anticipated to be held in October. If you are accepted to become a council member you will be responsible for regular attendance at council and subcommittee meetings, following the council's by-laws, conflict of interest and confidentiality policies.

Please complete the enclosed one-page application and return it with your resume or CV to the Climate Sustainability Coordinator via email (tmvanw@kalcouny.com). Or fill out the online application form [here](#). We invite you to reach out to the Climate Sustainability Coordinator with any further questions.



Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WK PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

1. Describe your interest in serving on the Advisory Council:

2. Please describe your background related to Climate Action and/or Climate Justice, or in the four related fields (Housing, Infrastructure, Agriculture or Food Systems, and the Natural Environment).

3. Indicate any areas or issues you consider at the forefront of climate action and climate justice in Kalamazoo County:

4. Please describe relevant past experiences and/or future plans to advance justice, equity, and inclusion:

5. Please list any other affiliations or other boards or advisory groups of which you are a member:

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____